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TRANSPORTATION ON CANADIAN VESSELS TO AND WITHIN ALASKA

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Mr. MAGNUSON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 948]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 948) to provide transportation on Canadian vessels between ports in southeastern Alaska, and between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska or the continental United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to extend for an additional year, until June 30, 1956, a waiver of the statutory requirements that vessels of the United States be used to transport passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly between ports of the United States.

Without such legislation certain points in southeastern Alaska would be without scheduled passenger service, and commercial interests at Hyder, Alaska, would be without service for passengers or commodities.

American steamship interests most directly concerned stated that they had no objection to the proposed bill if the word "southeastern" be incorporated in the clause relating to service between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska so that it would read "between Hyder * * * and other points in southeastern Alaska." This amendment was approved by the committee.

The Department of Commerce, Department of State, and the Treasury Department have interposed no objection to the enactment of the bill.

CHANGES EXISTING IN LAW

This legislation does not change existing law. It merely extends for 1 year the waiver of statutory restrictions regarding transportation to and between certain Alaskan ports.

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